(d) and (e) There are three defaulters. Premises have been got vacated in all the three cases. In two cases, action for recovery has been initiated and in one case, legal action has been taken.

**Review of Textile Policy**

1641. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Textile Policy announced on June 6, 1985 has severely hit the interests of farmers and consumers; and

(b) whether Government propose to review the policy to safeguard the interests of farmers and consumers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Government have been assessing from time to the impact of the Textile Policy announced in 1985.

1642. [*Transferred from the* 18 *March* 1987].

**Concessions to Producers of Cloth**

1643. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the per capita consumption of (i) cotton cloth; (ii) non-cotton cloth and (iii) mixed variety of cloth, in the country; and

(b) what is the amount of concessions being given to producers of each category?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) The per capita consumption of cloth during 1985 and 1986 is as under:—

*Per Capita consumption of cloth in metres*

(*Provisional*)

| | 1985 | 1986 |
|---|---|---|
| Cotton cloth | 10·788 | 10·413 |
| Blended cloth | 2·443 | 2·994 |
| 100% Non-cotton Cloth | 2.222 | 2·376 |
| | 15·453 | 15·78 |

(b) A Statement is enclosed.

**Statement**

In consonance of new Textile Policy announced in June, 1985, excise duty was reduced with effect from 28-2-85 on the following items :—

| Sl. No. | Description | Prior to 28-8-85 | From 28-8-85 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Polyseter staple Fibre | 45·00KG | 25·00KG |
| 2 | Acrylic Staple Fibre | 17·50KG | 40·00KG |
| 3 | Polyester/Cotton Blended Yarn (Polyester content above 40% but below 70%) | 5·00KG | 2·00KG |
| 4 | Polyester/Viscose Yarn (Polyester content above 40% but below 70%) | 10·00KG | 4·00KG |
| 5 | Ramie and Polyester Staple Fibre Yarn in which proportion of polyester staple fibre is more than 40% by weight of the total fibre content not containing any other textile material | 8·00KG | 4·ppKG |
| 6 | Cotton fabrics containing more than 40% of polyester staple fibre and also containing Ramie and manmade cellulosic fibre but not containing polyester filament yarn for value upto Rs. 25/ per sq. mtr. | 13·20% | 5·00% |
| 7 | For value above Rs. 25/- per Sq. Mtrs. | 13·20% | 5% plus Rs. 2 Sq. Mtrs. |